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(57) Abstract: A delivery assembly for use in surgery particularly laparoscopic surgery, comprises a surgically implantable construct (1) containing viable cells, a support (2) on which the construct is removably carried and holding means such as a vacuum system (4, 5) releasably holding the construct on the support. The support (2) is selected from a tube having an interior surface on which the construct is held, and a rod having an exterior surface on which the construct is held. The support protects the delicate construct and maintains it in a desired position for surgical manipulation.

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